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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Honorable Commissioner of  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminarily to the examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

This is a U.S. National Phase Application Under 35 USC 371. Applicants claim the benefit of PCT/GB00/02741 filed July 17, 2000, which was published Under PCT Article 21(2) in English on January 25, 2001 and of Great Britain Application No. 9916669.6 filed on July 15, 1999 and of Great Britain Application No. 9926293.3 filed on November 5, 1999.